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**REQUEST FOR A PROGRAM NAME CHANGE AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION TO
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES
EDUCATION**

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by Iowa State University to change the name of the Bachelor of Science Program in Agricultural Education to the Bachelor of Science Program in Agriculture and Life Sciences Education.

Executive Summary: The proposed name reflects more accurately the focus of the curriculum and the fact that the program is much broader in focus than production agriculture. The proposed name will not have any negative effect on students. This request has been reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan objective (1.1) to “offer high-quality programs through ongoing program improvement for undergraduate, graduate, professional, and non-degree students and special school students.”

Background:

- ◇ Description of program. The agricultural education curriculum prepares persons for careers as agricultural education instructors and educational specialists in industry and government agencies. The agricultural education curriculum has two options – teacher certification and communications.
- ◇ Departmental history. Agricultural education became a department in 1911; its primary function was to prepare agriculture teachers for secondary schools. In 1919, other teacher training programs were established at ISU and were combined with the agricultural education department.
- ◇ Curriculum changes. No curriculum changes are expected as a result of the proposed name change.
- ◇ Reason for change. The proposed name more accurately reflects the scope and breadth of educational and research programs of the department. It will position the department to seek new interdisciplinary research opportunities and to attract a new generation of students.
- ◇ Alignment with college name change. The proposed name will align the program with the new name of the College (Agriculture and Life Sciences) which was approved by the Board in June 2007.